

**Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services
Office on Aging and Independence
Paws4Comfort**

NOTICE: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Paws4Comfort visits and monthly pet evaluations are temporarily suspended. Please check back soon for updates.

Do you have an outgoing, friendly, well-behaved dog or cat?

If you think your pet has what it takes to make friendly visits or work in a therapeutic setting, we need you! It's fun and rewarding for everyone! For more information, view our brochure or download an application.

To volunteer, pets must be at least one year old and must have lived with you for at least six months. Your pet must be properly licensed in its county of residence. Pets fed raw bones, treats, or a raw food diet cannot participate. Pets must be evaluated for temperament and suitability; a vet check is also required. You will receive a health certificate which must be completed by your veterinarian. We will refuse any dog to the program that is deemed unsuitable due to its age, breed, or behavior. Paws4Comfort does not accept any breed that is deemed aggressive or potentially aggressive including, but not limited to, Pit Bulls, American Staffordshire Terriers, or American Bulldogs. This includes any mixed breed that has the appearance or characteristics of these breeds. Individuals who register for an evaluation and do not attend three times will not be scheduled again.

A program brochure and application is available by request.

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